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In re Application of)
Gordon L. Woods)
Serial No. 09/989,674) Examiner: Shaojia A. Jiang
Filed: November 21, 2001) Group Art Unit: 1617
For: METHODS FOR REGULATING)
LEVELS OF ZINC, CADMIUM AND)
CALCIUM IN HUMANS AND FOR)
DIAGNOSING, OR SCREENING FOR)
THE RISK OF DEVELOPING,)
DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH)
ABNORMAL LEVELS OF CADMIUM,)
ZINC AND CALCIUM IN BODY)
FLUIDS AND TISSUES)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant submits herewith Form PTO-1449 listing publications that the Office may wish to consider in examination of the subject application. The publications are listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of the references are enclosed.

In addition, the material listed on the accompanying forms PTO-1449 from the parent application having U.S. serial Number 09/610,538, is cited in compliance with the provisions of 37

C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider these references with respect to the present application. Copies of these references can be found with the parent application and, accordingly, will not be resubmitted unless requested by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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